PRESENT—*cont.*

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Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi, The.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram, The.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Measures taken by Government to ensure the admission of Adi-Dravida pupils into all schools maintained at public expense.

* 845 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have already issued or propose to issue orders to enforce admission of Adi-Dravida pupils in all schools maintained out of public funds;

(*b*) if the answer to clause (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the nature of such orders are;

(*c*) whether the District Educational Councils have been asked to deal with schools which refuse admission to Adi-Dravida pupils severely by refusing grants;

(*d*) whether the Government have issued instructions to the inspecting officers indicating the nature of the penalties to be imposed on schools that admit caste pupils who leave one school because Adi-Dravida pupils are admitted and seek admission in another school;

(*e*) whether they have under consideration any other proposals to promote the admission of Adi-Dravida pupils into all schools; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House all the orders issued by Government on the subject of admission of Adi-Dravida pupils or at least give a gist of such orders giving the various steps taken to enforce their admission?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have already issued orders in this matter. In regard to schools under local bodies, these bodies have been warned that subsidies now paid on behalf of schools situated in places inaccessible to depressed class children will be withdrawn, if, on investigation, it is found that such schools can be removed to accessible localities and that the local boards deliberately omit to take action in that direction. As regards schools under private management, provision has been made in the Grant-in-Aid Code and the rules framed under the Elementary Education Act, 1920, that grants shall be withdrawn from institutions which refuse admission to any pupil merely on the ground of the caste or community to which he belongs.

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(c) & (d) The Government have not issued any special instructions.

(e) Certain new proposals with this end in view are at the moment under the consideration of the Government.

(f) The hon. Member is referred to—

(i) the reviews of Government on the annual reports on the admission of pupils of the depressed classes into schools under public management not specially intended for them which have been placed at the disposal of the Press and in the Legislative Council Library;

(ii) Article 1 of the Grant-in-Aid Code and rule 9 of Chapter I of the rules framed under section 42 (2) of the Elementary Education Act, 1920.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether grants or subsidies have been withdrawn in the case of any school? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I ask what new proposals are under the consideration of the Government for promoting the admission of Adi-Dravida pupils in the schools? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I do not want to disclose them before the Government come to a decision on the matter."

Proposal, if any, for holding a public examination at the end of the VIII standard and III Form.

* 846 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the question of holding a public examination at the end of the VIII Standard and III Form has ever been considered?

A.—The question has been considered on various occasions.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" The answer says that the question has been considered on various occasions. May I know what decision has been come to in the matter? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" No such examination is necessary or called for."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask the reasons why the Government consider that such examination is necessary or unnecessary? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the middle school system has been given up? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It is so."